HENTRACKS, BY NYE

William Gives Some Directions About the Festive Layer.

HENS DIFFER FROM HUMANS

In That They Have No Teeth-This Brings Up the Dentist Industry. The Case of a Mad Hen.

There has recently been placed in my the Poultry Yard." I bought book thinking that it was full of th escapes and thrilling ex-I was misled regarding the ok, for I was led to believe that it was thing like "Field, Dungeon and se," or "How I Put Down the Reand Boarded Myself."

The book is extremely tame reading. written in a nest and grammatier. "Twenty-five Years in a Yard" is no doubt a valuable it, but those who purchase it shink-



that it resembles "Twenty Years in agrees" will shed many a bitter tear Congress" will shed many that. Last before they get through with it. Last evening I read aloud to my family and a titled nobleman from Kinnie Kinnick, Wis., who is visiting us this summer while waiting for an opening in Dr. Flotcher's tanyard at this place, a chapter on "Frosted Comb and Wattles, so one entitled "Inducements for a Hen to Sit." This part of the volume is of interest only to those who feel an rest in such things.

Mr. Howells would like the realism which the author introduces into the deexciption of how to deal with a hen in trying to get her to sit and remred stated ng enough to become a parent. The when showed under the average hen will almost immediately induce her to sit down and take her things off.

To ascertain whether the hen really sels a tendency to sit one should watch her cksely, and especially observe her temperature. Induce the hen to take about eight inches of a physician's glass thermometer into her threat for two to utes. Do not say anything funny to her while thus arranged, for she might hugh and thus break the r with her teeth.

Feel the pulse of the hen at the same time. If the pulse—which you will find just over the instep—is rapid or irregu-lar, coupled with a leaden eye, coldness bridge of the nose, moth patches, ther with actidity of the crop on ris-in the morning, fretfulness, posvish-or sudden flashes of heat and sold, a tendency toward a sedentary chance a sitting of most any ex-gs. The Indian Game I have hee good general purpose fowl, day and a chicken pie for dinner ame price. The Indian Owne at weeks of age weighs three to four , which is mostly breast and fore-One gets good results in a short and unless rearing fowls for a ing house the Indhan Gume, saide g a fearless and brave fowl, is est for all around entertainment shore and after death.

ome Mre the Derbyshire Redcaps, ne the Black Minorcas. Others fike Cochins, the Marshal Niel and the Early Rose, but the Indian Game, as I say, for a general purpose hen, seems "to meet my demands" as a quick grower, upt and careful layer, a good mother and the nucleus of as fine a gravy as I ever laid a lip over. Her husband is a et but manly fowl, with shoulders all thrown back, dark, flashing eyes, is s good half back, and in death, with his broad, tender bosom padded with sum-mer savery and a deeh of onion, he nakes toose who cluster about him slmost forget the sorrowful circum-tances under which they are met to-

The hen of this species is also obliging nd cheery in the matter of laying. Vaile some home hang back and require good deal of coaxing, claiming that tes and that they did not expect to be lied upon, the Indian Game hen cheerasks what sort of an egg you want, and while you are getting your sherry dy she makes the arrangements for

erry and egg, or egg flip, may be by a very slight effort, and either be found nutritions to a remarkable e. Physicians unite in the opinion this wonderful co-operation—her ration, as one may say of man and to make a wothing, nutritions ily digested food for the invalid one of the most wonderful of nature's

hen differs from man largely is or follure to grow teeth. Man succeeds raising from two to five crops of teeth natural means, and Mr. Foster, and of mine who has handled teeth all de life, tells me that in the realm of alds of teeth to fit and match the of those who have outlived their rical teeth. There are twenty-five 4,000 variations in constant use by the uldest and most reliable dental house in

This to a fact, and I have been to s ed deal of trouble to look up this matas I know that even the most careler would like to know about it. ny of these similar are remembered another by the trained existence, but somewher the whole 5,000 would be

It may be of interest also to know that teeth works at Philadelphia ske a perfectly black tooth for use in

those countries where the teeth are blackened by the people who regard themselves as the sine qua non of society. American people lead the world in the manufacture of teeth and supply every quarter of the globe with good dentistry. The success of our American dentists is in the mouths of the nobility of all nations. In Paris our American minister is brought into constant social conflict with an American dentist from Michigan, and one minister resigned because this dentist played against one of his re-ceptions in Paris with a musicale of his own. In London, an American dentist was the only American guest at the marriage of the Duke of Fife and the granddaughter of the queen. His name was Dr. Evans, and he showed me the card

of invitation one Sunday upon the Thumes and afterward gave me a bite of the westding cake. When I tell you that Minister Lincoln and I stood outside making a willow whistle in the churchyard and waiting for Dr. Evans to come out and give us points on the wedding, and when I tell you that Mr. Lincoln, Consul New and I, three men whose names are household words, stood at the gateway with our dinners in a large tin pail and saw Dr. Evans, our American dentist, coming out and leaning on the arm of the queen, even going so far as to unhitch her team from the fence and drive it around to the front door and help Victoria in, you will agree with me that the dentist of our own fair

land is no slouch. For certain Asiatic countries this big dental house makes a pure white tooth. This is really as odd looking as the black, for no human tooth is a pure white. It is as ghastly as a perfectly white skin. The factory makes one grade of blue white, or pearl white, in this country for use among the people who die their hair a dead black or wear fawnskin wigs. Elderly orphans wear these teeth, and smite them together while smiling on those they love. It is sad to see these frosted cake teeth nestling away among the deep dyed whiskers of a decayed old bachelor or a newmade widower. These teeth are also used for gnashing purposes.

Teeth made recently are filled with gold in order to make them look more lifelike, and so artificial teeth can be made to fool the closest scrutinizer. A dentist does not listen very closely to what you say, but as you talk he watches very carefully to see what sort of teeth you wear, just as the bootblack keeps his eye all the time on the feet of the people who go by him.

Mr. Foster was very polite to me while I was in Atlanta and tendered me

the hospitality of his horse. He has a horse that has outlived eleven grooms. He came very near outliving me.

The hen is a biped, indigenous to all temperate countries, and often tempts people who wish to make a livelihood without heavy work to go into the egg business. Also into the growth of broilers for the New York market. Do not try to raise eggs and broilers in a flat, for the other tenants might not like it. Hens need room. If you crowd your hens they will die off by the score.

This is my third effort in the direction

of supplying the metropolitan market with eggs and broilers. Generally the metropolitan market is kind enough to

I used to have a very handsome henculture, and on a still day, after reading extensively from the old Greek poets, I might have been seen temporizing with a sorrel hen and trying to get her to try edentary pursuits. In the fail I had hatched, by means of my new incubator and the aid of friends, among them the teacher who boarded at our house, eighty-seven dear little downy chicks, at an ex-pense of \$193. I had just figured up the cost and assets when one of my incu-bators in the dead of night was knocked over by a colored man who had formerly been my butler and the hennery set fire to. By this means I lost my entire sea-



son's work and my buildings. What my ex-butler was doing around the incubater at the dead of night I do not know. He says that he came there to be where he could pray by himself, but I do not believe it, and I find that there are many others in our county who hesitate also to accept this theory.

I had one hen that began to sit on a common humming top that belonged to one of the boys, and other hers came and laid an egg a day for six weeks in the same nest, so that while the baldfaced hen was striving till she got purple in the face to hatch out a whole toy and notion store she got a large collection of eggs from other hens and all of different ages. The result was that ere long she began to turn out a chick per day for me to be a father to until I had eighty-three of them to bring up on the bottle, and she still struggling with the eggs which had been contributed by others.

She kept on until I saw a change in her countenance. Her eye was entirely different. She did not know me any

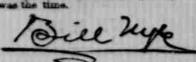
She was mad!

Reason had deserted its throne. She no longer recognized friends. The mental strain was too much for her. We bound her and took her away and put her in a cell with snother hen who had howered all summer over a hot croquet ball while eggs were 37% cents per dozen, and there she shrieked the hours

but after a short visit from a man who came to our house to obtain much needed rest in accordance with the advice of his physicians, it was noticed that they had gone somewhere, and the cook tells me that they figured on the mean one even ing while he was here.

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I noticed one evening that the table seemed to grean more than usual under its load of delicacies, and perhaps that



Squaring Things. Softly is so regardful of people's feelings that when in company he always ends his speeches about persons with, "present company excepted, of course." The other night, while talking with Miss Becky Sharpe on the intellectual difference between men and women, he

But, after all, I think women are superior to men intellectually-present impany excepted, of course,

Well, I don't know," said Miss Sharpe thoughtfully, "I've met some very intelligent men-present company excepted, of course."-New York Press.



Tired of Waiting.

-Life.

When Labouchere was a clerk in the foreign office at Washington, one day an aggressively irate countryman of the young attache with a grievance present-ed himself at the legation and demand-ed to see the British minister. He was shown into Mr. Labouchere's room, who, with the susvity which never deserts

him in the most pressing moments, explained that his excellency was not in.

"Well," said the visitor, evidently suspecting an attempt to bluff, "I must see him, and will wait till he comes."

"Very well," said Mr. Labouchere; "pray take a chair," and he resumed his writing. At the end of an hour the writing. At the end of an hour the Britisher, still fretting and fuming, asked when the minister would be back.

"I really cannot say exactly," the attache answered. "But you expect him back?" the visitor

"Oh, certainly," said Mr. Labouchere At the end of another hour the trate visitor, bouncing up, insisted on know-ing what were the habits of the minister

to be in in another hour? "I think not," said Mr. Labouchere, with an increased blandness. "The fact is, he sailed for Europe on Wednesday and can hardly yet have reached Queen town. But, you know, you said you would wait till he came in, so I offered you a chair."-London Cor. New York World.

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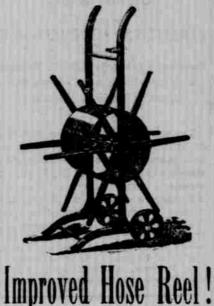
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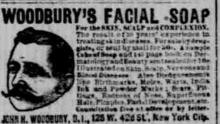
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